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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

TAKAE ET AL.

Examiner

David Q. Nguyen

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 July 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 5 and 9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 5 and 9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

1. Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. As recited, claim 9 reads on a program per se. the claim invention is not tangibly embodied. Suggest “ stored on a computer readable medium”.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 5 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Pollock et al. (WO 97/01253).

Regarding claim 5, Pollock et al. discloses an IC unauthorized use preventing method in an IC card management center that manages IC card information, a notice receiving step receiving a notice of a customer ID of an IC card from a person from whom an IC card for settlement mounted to the mobile device is lost or stolen (see page 10, lines 1-12); a step giving an identification for stopping use of the IC card to an application management number of a database, which stores the application management number that is set for each mobile device by the IC card management center so as to be a number corresponding to the customer ID (page 10,

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lines 1-12); and a step informing an subscriber ID to a mobile communication entrepreneur in order to warn and change a setting for the mobile device when the IC card for settlement is used by using the mobile device for which the identification is set to the application management number (see page 10, line 1 to page 11, line 9).

Regarding claim 9, Pollock et al. discloses a program for causing a computer to prevent an IC card from unauthorized use, said computer in an IC card management center that manages IC card information, said program comprising a notice receiving step receiving a notice of a customer ID of a customer from who a mobile device mounting the IC card for settlement is lost or stolen (see explanation in claim 5); a step giving an identification for stopping use of the IC card to an application management number of a database, which stores the application management number that is set for each mobile device by the IC card management center so as to be a number corresponding to the customer ID (see explanation in claim 5); and a step informing an subscriber ID to a mobile communication entrepreneur in order to warn and change a setting for the mobile device when the IC card for settlement is used by using the mobile device for which the identification is set to the application management number (see explanation in claim 5).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Q. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-7844. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM-5:30PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, JOSEPH H. FEILD can be reached on (571)272-4090. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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